



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, 1/15/21 @ 2 p.m.

1. Attendees:

County	Appointees	Citizens / Guests
Howard Lazarus	Steve Clark	Melissa Muroff
Francine Locke	David Director	
Elaine Schaefer	Stephanie Howe Hasanali	
Laura Goodrich	Carol Martsof	
Ed Magargee	Jennie Perey Saxe	
Mark Manfre	Jaclyn Rhoads	
Linda Hill	Shawn Stancill	
Brian Hudak	Scott Sidlow	
John Becht - IT	Becca Yurkovich	

*Public Comments will be monitored during the meeting. Comments can be sent to -
publiccomment@co.delaware.pa.us*

2. The Committee Approval of Meeting Minutes from December Meeting

3. **Update on the Electric Vehicle Grant Program** – To date, the county has not heard back regarding the status of the grant. Public works is installing vehicle chargers now. Council is being asked to approve charging stations and the purchase of electric vehicles in next weeks meeting - with a goal of having them in service in April. Another grant will be submitted for additional vehicles and charging stations in May. Chargers are grid connected, not solar powered due to cost and performance. Goal is to have full fleet conversion in next 10 years. Each vehicle is ~\$29k, and max grant per vehicle is \$7500. Final cost will be roughly same cost as a gas vehicle. The County is supportive of significant infrastructure upgrades to support vehicle charging.

4. Strategic Planning Update:

- a. Subcommittee assignments were finalized.
 - i. Greening County Operations: Shawn; Mark; David; Scott; Howard; Jennie
 - ii. Creating a County-Wide Sustainability Plan: Becca; Jaclyn; Stephanie; ED; Linda; Carol; Laura; Steve
- b. Each subcommittee will select a Chair and Co-Chair and prepare goals.

5. **Sustainability Commission Website & Resource Page** – The committee discussed the value of having a stand-alone website and what resources and information we would like to include. Two example sites were reviewed and discussed, 1) City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and 2) King County, Washington. The Commission will consider 3rd party resources to develop the website.

6. **Announcement of the Delaware County Chief Sustainability Officer** – Francine Locke has been hired as the Chief Sustainability Officer. Her official start date is January 25th.

7. **Commission's Work Plan Going Forward** – Subcommittees will meet outside of the monthly Committee meeting and bring ideas and status update reports back to the full group.

8. **Co-chairs of Commission** – The need to permanently fill the Commission roles was discussed. Those looking to fill the roles will be added to next months agenda and voted on by the full Committee. Committee members are encouraged to email the Chief Sustainability Officer after January 25th, if you are interested in filling one of the roles. The following roles need to be filled: Committee Chair, Committee Co-Chair and Committee Secretary
9. **Other Business** – Mr. Lazarus will let the group know when the energy audits will start and when the reports are due. Ms. Yurkovich updated the group on recycling within smaller communities. Legislation states that municipalities with less than 10,000 residents are not required to provide recycling services. Climate Collaborative of Philadelphia (phillyclimatecollab.com) is hosting events in an effort to accelerate climate action in the greater Philadelphia area.
10. **Public Comment** – No public comments were received.
11. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.